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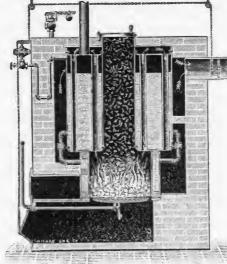
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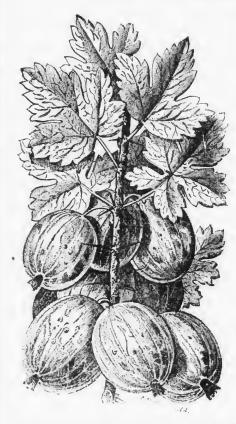
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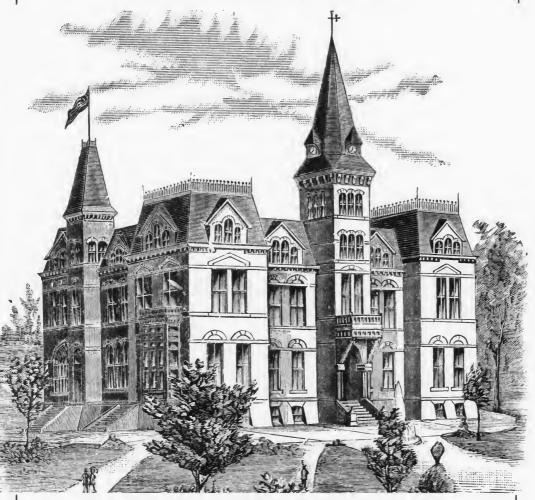
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JOURNAL OF SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

The second session of Dakota Conference met at Watertown, Dakota, at 9 A. M., October 14th, 1886, Bishop Bowman presiding, who, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper to 100 communicants.

On call of the roll by the secretary of the last session, 32 members and 11 probationers responded.

A. R. Boggs was re-elected secretary and A. W. Adkinson assistant. F. H. Wheeler was elected statistical secretary and Revs. Jenkins, Furnier, Sproul and Rowe, assistants.

The following committees nominated by the Presiding Elders were elected:

On Public Worship-Revs. Wm. Fielder and E. W. Adams.

Education—Clark, Sproul, Bradford, Jamieson, Adkinson, Springer, Boggs and Minty. On motion Bishop Bowman and Cabinet were added.

Probation-Curl, Hager, Selleck and Jordan.

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Bible Cause-Hooker, H. M. Smith, Deeble and Hyde.

Resolutions-Clark, Jamieson, Laselle and Minty.

On motion of W. F. Minty, a committee on charge of marriage laws was ordered, as follows, Revs. Springer, Hager, Walker and Simmonds.

A committee on conference relations was raised, viz: Revs. Minty, Adkinson, Jamieson and Sage, with authority to enquire into and report fully as to all matters proper to be known touching those seeking admission to conference.

J. Rowe was made railroad secretary.

Ordered that conference meet at 8:30 A. M., and close at noon, the first half hour to be devoted to prayer.

C. E. Hager was elected conference treasurer with J. C. Shelland as book-keeper.

The Bishop presented drafts from the New York Book Concern for \$70, and from the Chartered Fund for \$30, for conference claimants.

A petition to the Congress of the United States touching the question of outrages on Chineese residents of this country was ordered to be signed on behalf of the conference, by the president and secretary, and to be forwarded.

A report from the committee raised by last conference looking to university incorporation was presented and referred to the committee on education.

Dr. Stowe, of the Western Book Concern, was introduced and made brief remarks.

Mrs. Mary C. Ninde, secretary of the Minneapolis branch of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, Rev. Mr. Seaton, of the Christian church of Watertown, Rev. Father Younm, of the West Wisconsin Conference, were introduced.

Mrs. Ninde addressed the Conference in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society.

Ordered that the pastors on call, report how many collections taken for the missionary, church extension, and total of all collections.

Ordered that the Children's Day collection be separately reported.

The 20th Question was called, and I. N. Pardee, P. E. of Mitchell district, read his report and his character was passed.

The following effective elders made report and their characters were passed, viz: O. H. Sproul, E. W. Sage, A. F. Thompson, C. B. Clark, T. H. Walker, Wm. McCready and T. S. Hunt, also Geo. E. Neville who was granted a location at his own request.

Yankton district was called, the Presiding Elder, L. Hartsough, read his report and his character was passed.

The following effective elders made reports and their characters were passed, viz: G. R. Oake, L. Bradford, A. Jamieson and C. E. Hager. Bro. Jamieson reported a bequest of forty acres near Vermillion to the Missionary Society, and the death of the testator Jedakiah Carpenter.

Huron district was called, the Presiding Elder, Wm. Fielder, read his report and his character was passed.

The following effective elders made reports and their characters passed, viz: W. H. Hoadley, E. Hoskyn, H. M. Springer, E. Craven, J. C. Shelland, A. P. Jones, A. W. Adkinson, E. W. Adams and L. W. Miller.

On motion the printed minutes were made the official record of the Conference.

On motion of I. N. Pardee, a chronological table of the members of the Conference was ordered to be inserted in the minutes, and the following committee to prepare the table was appointed, viz: S. C. Seavell, D. Rifenbark, C. F. Bowers and Gilbert D. Cleworth.

Committees were called, announcements made, the Doxology sung and Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY-Friday, October 15, 1886.

After prayer meeting, led by O. E. Marray, Conference was called to order by the Bishop.

Minntes of the last session were read, corrected and approved.

20th question was received.

The names of the following effective elders were called, and on reporting their collections their characters were passed, viz: H. T. Curl and Wm. Pagenhart, of the Mitchell district; P. L. Hooker and D. W. Chamberlain, of the Yankton district; and J. F. Kemper, of the Huron district.

Aberdeen district was called, A. D. Traveller, Presiding Elder, made his report and his character was passed.

Conference instructed Wm. Fielder to telegraph to Chaplain McCabe the amount of the Conference Missionary collection.

The following effective elders were called, collections reported, and their characters were passed, viz: J. G. Palmer, O. A. Phillips, S. T. Brown, W. F. Minty, A. R. Boggs, Thomas Simmons and F. A. Burdick.

By vote the Bishop was requested to continue Bro. Burdick without appointment that he might attend Garrett Biblical Institute.

Question 1st was called, and the Bishop announced the transfer of Wm. Brush and J. K. Shiffer from the Upper Iowa, O. E. Murray from Northwest Iowa and J. G. Hall from the Ohio Conference.

At his own request, E. W. Adams was excused from committee on Church Literature and E. Craven was substituted.

Dr. Brush, O. E. Murray and Dr. Tooke were introduced.

On motion the fixing of the place for the next Conference was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 A. M.

By his own request, Bro. Palmer was excused from further attendance upon the Conference.

The 18th Question was called and a communication from J. H. Mooers was read, announcing his withdrawal from the church.

On motion he was permitted to withdraw, conditioned upon the return of his parchments to his Presiding Elder, L. Hartsough.

Question 13th was called and the following brethren reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elders, and by committee of examination, their characters were passed and their cases were severally disposed of as follows, viz: James Trewartha, Duane Rifenbark, M. E. Nickerson, L. B. Wiles, James Rowe and Timothy Donaghue were passed to the second class of Deacons, and Wm. Vivian and Joseph E. Norvell were continued in the first class with permission to bring up both years' studies at next Conference.

Question 14th was called, W. H. Selleck reported his collection, was presented by his Presiding Elder and committee of examination, his character passed and he was elected to Elders' orders, J. Q. Swimm reported his collections, was reprepresented by his Presiding Elder, but not having been before the committee of examination was continued in the second class of Deacons.

Dr. Stowe made a vigorous, stirring and timely address in behalf of the Book Concern and Church Literature.

The Treasurer was directed to invest all Conference Claimant's funds in his hands, taking security for the same.

Bishop Bowman briefly supplemented the address of Dr. Stowe.

Question 7th was called and David Gostelow was reported as having come to us from the Baptist Church, and the case was referred to the committee on Conference relations.

Bros. Walker, Traveller and Springer were appointed a committee to devise and report a plan for the creation of a permanent Conference Claimant fund.

Thereupon the Conference adjourned with the Doxology and benediction pronounced by Dr. Brush.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1886.

After prayer meeting, led by J. S. Akers, Conference was regularly opened and minutes read and approved.

Greetings (quoting Isa 54-2 and 3) were received by telegram from the North Dakota Mission now in session at Grand Forks; and the Secretary was instructed to return the greetings of this Conference.

Committee on Church Literature reported. (See report "A.")

Question 3d was called, the following brethren reported their collections, were represented by their Presiding Elders and committee of examination, their characters passed and they were continued on trial, viz: Moray Clyde, Timothy Donaghue, Lucas G. Furnier, Hosea Lock, Wm. H. Jordan, Silas A. French, Oscar A. Harple, John P. Jenkins, Frank H. Wheeler and William 11. Matson.

Dr. Arthur Edwards was introduced and addressed the Conference regarding the Northwestern Christian Adovcate.

J. J. Garvin, of the Utah Mission, W. H. Smith and W. P. Jordan, of Rock River; F. M. Rule and Rev. Suffran of Wisconsin Conference and D. Gostelow were introduced.

Special order of the day was then taken up and Aberdeen fixed as the seat of the next Conference.

Question 5th was called, and G. J. Corwin and A. E. Burrows were called forward, addressed by the Bishop, the usual diciplinary questions were answered, collections were reported, and being favorably represented by their Presiding Elders and committees of examination, were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

Question 10th called.

After the usual reports and representations, Wm. D. Deeble, was elected to local Deacon's orders.

Question 2d was called, and after the usual reports and representations, the following were admitted on trial, viz: H. N. Smith, C. H. Smith and N. S. Bradley, of the Mitchell district; Thos. Carson and Wm. Parfitt, of the Yankton district

Question 7th was called, and Wm. B. Affleck was received in full on credentials as and elder (?) from the New Connection Methodist Church of England.

Rev. Dr. Ridgaway, President of Garrett Biblical Institute was introduced.

The hour of adjournment being reached, announcements were made, Doxology sung and benediction was pronounced by Dr. Ridgaway.

FOURTH DAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1886.

Sabbath services were opened by a most precious Love Feast led by Dr. Brush; two and three and sometimes four and five were on their feet at a time, waiting their opportunity to testify to the power of Christ to save, and to wondrously bless in times, even of great extremity and affliction.

At 10:30 Bishop Bowman preached a most inspiring and instructive sermon on the words "It is better to give than to receive." After which he ordained A. E. Burrows, G. J. Corwin and W. D. Deeble, Deacons,

At 3 P. M., Dr. Ridgaway preached an earnest and telling sermon on the character of Gideon, after which the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders, ordained W. H. Selleck to the office of an Elder.

FIFTH DAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1886.

After prayer meeting, Conference was called to order by the Bishop. Minntes read and approved.

Committee on Bible Cause read their report which was adopted. (See report "B.")

Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society presented report which was adopted. (See report "C.")

Committee on Prohibition made report which was adopted. (See report "D.") *Question 2d* was resumed, and after the usual reports and representations, the following were admitted on trial, viz: J. R. Goudy, Thos. H. Garwin, S. C. Levell, Win. D. Deeble, P. K. Hammond, C. B. Gilbert, Fred E. Leazer, J. C. Maxham, C. M. Arthur, Win. J. Hyde and Thos, Hambly, also Gilbert Cleworth, who was placed in second year's course of study.

Hosea Locke was admitted full member as an Elder, and Timothy Donaghue as a Deacon of the second class.

The orders of D. Gostelow as an Elder were recognized and Presiding Elder was authorized to employ him.

C. H. Balkin was re-admitted as an Elder, on certificate of location from the Central Illinois Conference.

Rev. Bro. Evans, of Wisconsin Conference was introduced.

Rev. Dr. Ridgaway addressed the Conference in the interest of Ministerial education and Garrett Biblical Institute.

The Presiding Elders were made a committee on general Conference expenses.

A resolution favoring Woman Suffrage was adopted. (See resolution.)

A resolution relating to benevoleut collections was presented and adopted. (See resolution.)

Wm. McCready was granted a location at his own request, and the committee on resolutions was instructed to prepare a suitable resolution in the case.

The resignation of Wm. McCready as trustee of Central Dakota University was referred to committee on education.

The auditing committee reported the accounts of the Presiding Elders all right.

F. M. Robertson, a supernumerary Elder from Puget Sound Conference was on request of Conference, transferred and made effective.

The Doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned to 4 P. M., the benediction being pronounced by Dr. Ridgaway.

FIFTH DAY-Second Session 4 P. M.

Conference called to order by the Bishop. Minutes read and approved. Committee on Sabbath observance made a report which was adopted. (See report "E.")

Statistical Secretary read a report. (See statistical tables.)

Question 18th was called, and W. H. Hoadley was granted a supernumerary relation.

The committee on Sabbath schools presented a report which was adopted. (See report "F.")

Committee on Tracts made a report which was adopted. (See report "G.")

Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society made a report which was adopted. (See report "H.")

Committee on Church Extension read a report which was adopted. (See report "I.")

The committee on Marriage Laws made a report which was adopted. (See report "K."

Committee on Resolutions made a report which was adopted. (See report 2.) The Secretary was instructed to prepare a minute of Sunday services and anniversaries to be inserted in the Minutes.

Committee on Conference Claimants fund read a report which was adopted. (See report "L.")

List of Conference committees, etc., was adopted.

The assessment of \$275 for the support of the Bishops was referred to the Presiding Elders for distribution.

L. Hartsough, I. N. Pardee and A. D. Traveller were appointed delegates to a contemplated convention of the Northwest, relating to Preacher's Aid Societies.

Conference adjourned to 7:30 p. m., the Doxology was sung and benediction pronounced by Dr. Edwards.

FIFTH DAY-THIRD SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. E. W. Adams.

Minutes read and approved.

J. A. Ware was admitted on trial and elected to Deacon's orders, under the Missionary rule, he having been recommended by Grace Quarterly Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The officers of the Missionary Society were elected. (See list.)

A resolution was passed requiring the pastors to report the number of accessions to their charges by conversion in connection with the report of their Missionary money.

Missionary appropriations read.

Resolution regarding Wm. Vivian adopted, and he was made supernumerary. (See resolution.)

Committee on Education made their report on Dakota University, (see report) which was adopted by a unanimous and rising vote; followed by singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

Bro. Hartsough congratulated the Conference in the happy issue of the long pending contest and urged at once the securing of endowment funds by bequest and otherwise, stating by way of encouragement, that as executor of an estate, (his mother's) he would soon be able to turn over \$100 to the University. Dr. Brush, Revs. Fielder, Thompson, and afterward (when he could command his emotions) Bro. Pardee, briefly, and in happily chosen words, addressed the Conference respecting our educational work. Dr. Tooke also added his mite to the occasion.

Wm. Fielder moved that the Conference express its appreciation of the work of I. N. Pardee in connection with the Dakota University. Carried by a rising and unanimous vote.

The Committee on Education make further reports, on Conference Board of Education, on Children's Day, Garrett Biblical Institute, all which were adopted.

Ordered that after the reading of the Journal and the announcement of the appointments, the Conference should adjourn. The Journal was read and approved. Wm. McCready offered prayer, the Bishop made a few remarks and read the appointments, and thereupon the Conference adjourned sine die.

THOMAS BOWMAN, PRES.

A. R. BOGGS, SECY.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

- 1. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference? Wm. Brush and J. K. Shiffer, from Upper Iowa Conference; O. E. Murray, from Northwest Iowa Conference; T. G. Hall, from Ohio Conference and F. M. Robertson from Puget Sound Conference.
- 2. Who are admitted on trial? T. Carson, Wm. Parfitt, H. N. Smith, C. H. Smith, N. S. Bradley, T. H. Garvin, J. R. Goudy, S. C. Levell, W. D. Deeble, P. K. Hammond, F. E. Leazer, C. B. Gilbert, T. Hambly, J. C. Maxham, C. Arthur, W. J. Hyde, G. D. Cleworth and J. H. Ware.
- 3. Who remain on trial? O. A. Harple, M. Clyde, T. Donaghue, L. G. Furnier, W. H. Jordon, S. A. French, F. H. Wheeler, J. P. Jenkins and W. H. Matson.
 - 4. Who are discontinued? None.
- 5. Who are admitted into full connection? H. Locke, an Elder; T. Donaghue, J. G. Corwin and A. E. Burrows.
- 6. Who are re-admitted? C. H. Bodkin, on certificate of location from Central Illinois Conference:
- 7. Who are received on credentials from other churches? Wm. B. Affleck, from New Conc. Methodist, of England.
- 8. What traveling preachers have been elected deacons? G. J. Corwin, A. E. Burrows and J. H. Ware.
- 9. What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? G. J. Corwin and A. E. Burrows.
 - 10. What local preachers have been elected deacons? Wm. D. Deeble.
 - 11. What local preachers have been ordained deacons? Wm. D. Deeble.
- 12. Who are traveling deacons of the first-class? Wm. Vivian and J. E. Norville.
- 13. Who are traveling deacons of the second class? D. Rifenbark, M. E. Nickerson, L. B. Wiles, J. Rowe, T. Donaghue, J. A. Swimm, J. Trewartha.
 - 14. What traveling deacons have been elected elders? Wm. H. Selleck.
 - 15. What traveling deacons have been ordained elders. Wm. H. Selleck.
 - 16. What local deacons have been elected elders? None.
 - 17. What local deacons have been ordained elders? None.
 - 18. Who are the supernumerary preachers? W. H. Hoadley, Wm. Vivian.
 - 19. Who are the superannuated preachers? None.
 - 20. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes.
 - 21. Have any died? None.
- 22. Have any been transferred and into what Conference? J. F. Kemper to Nebraska Conference, E. W. Adams to the Rock River Conference.
 - 23. Have any withdrawn? J. H. Mooers.
 - 24. Have any located at their own request? G. E. Naville, Wm. McCready.
 - 25. Have any been located? None.
 - 26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.
 - 27. Have any been expelled? None.
- 28. Who are elected tryers of appeal? H. F. Curl, C. E. Hager, A. D. Adkinson, A. R. Boggs, D. W. Chamberlain, H. M. Springer, A. Jamieson.
 - 29. What is the statistical report for this Conference year? (See tables.)
 - 30. What are the claims on Conference fund? Nothing.
- 31. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied? \$154, treasurer ordered to invest this with other monies.
 - 32. Where are the preachers stationed? (See appointments.)
 - 33. Where shall the next Conference be held? Aberdeen,

APPOINTMENTS.

YANKTON DISTRICTL. HARTSOUG	H, Presiding Elder, P. O., Sioux Falls, Dak.
Alcester. to be supplied Beresford. J. E. Norvell Canton. G. R. Oake Centerville sup. by C. D. Cone Dell Rapids. L. Bradford Egan. T. Carson Elk Point. D. Rifenbark Elk Point Ct., to be supplied Flandrau P. L. Hooker Flandrau H. Locke Gayville, sup. by W. O. Redfield Hartford. Wm. Parfitt F. A. Bardick left without appoint MITCHELL DISTRICT.—IRA N. P. Alexandria O. H. Sproul Alpeua. Geo. F. Bieber Armour J. Q. Swimm Bridgewater L. B. Wiles Brule to be supplied Castalia. W. H. Underwood Chamberlain to be supplied Cornell. O. Hutchens Diana. H. N. Smith Howard A. F. Thompson Kimball J. N. Bell Mitchell C. B. Clark Mitchell A. E. Burrows Brookings. T. G. Hall Cavour R. C. Opic Clark H. M. Springer Clark Co S. P. Prokaw Clear Lake and Castlewood. E. Craven De Smet F. H. Wheeler Doland and Frankfort T. S. Fowler Gary and Canby J. C. Shelland Hand Co J. R. Goudy Henry A. C. Bevers Highmore T. H. Garvin ABERDEEN DISTRICT.—A. D. TRAVEL Aberdeen J. G. Palmer Andover F. E. Leazer Ashton T. S. Fowler Cark Alton T. S. Fowler Gary and Bowdel S. F. Brown Beotia to be supplied T. S. Fowler Ashton T. S.	Hurley M. E. Nickerson Lodi B. H. Tripp Madison J. K. Shiffer Montrose O. A. Harpel Parker J. P. Jenkins Palisade, sup. by L. Huckins Prospect, sup. by S. P. Waldron Richland, sup. by A. G. Bartholomew Sioux Falls F. M. Robertson Vermillion A. Jamieson Vankton C. E. Hager ment to attend one of our schools. ARDEE, Presiding Elder, Mitchell, Dak. Mt. Vernon T. H. Walker Olivet J. Trewartha Plankinton C. G. J. Corwin Rome H. T. Curl Simpson S. Washburn Scotland D. W. Chamberlain Springfield sup. by W. J. Wilson Tyndall C. H. Smith Waterbury C. F. Bowers Wessington Springs W. Pagenhart White Lake N. S. Bradley Woonsocket O. E. Murray 3. Affleek, Agent of Dakota University. DER, Presiding Elder, Huron, Dak. Huron A. W. Adkinson Iroquois Elder, Huron, Dak. Huron St. Lawrence S. A. French St. Lawrence S. S. G. Furnier Grotou W. H. Matson Wessing
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Conference Committees.

Admission on Trial—C. B. Clark, J. K. Shiffer, L. W. Miller, O. A. Phillips.

First Year-A. Jamieson, O. H. Sproul, J. G. Palmer, J. G. Hall.

Second Year-E. W. Sage, C. E. Hager, W. F. Minty, A. W. Adkiuson.

Third Year-J. C. Shelland, T. Simmons, L. Bradford, H. T. Curl.

Fourth Year-A. R. Boggs, E. Hoskyn, E. Crane, G. R. Oake, S. F. Brown.

Local Order-P. L. Hooker, D. W. Chamberlain, H. M. Springer, S. F. Brown.

Visitors to Dakota University—A. R. Boggs, J. G. Palmer, C. E. Hager, A. Jamieson, J. C. Shelland, A. F. Thompson, O. E. Murray, E. Hoskyn.

Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute--L. Hartsough, A. D. Traveler.

Publisher of Conference Minutes-L. Hartsough.

To Apportion Claims and Collections-The Presiding Elders.

Delegates to Northwestern Convention of Aid Society—L. Hartsough, I. N. Pardee, A. D. Traveler.

Custodian of Conference Funds-C. E. Hager.

Conference Secretary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society- Mrs. I. M. Hartsough.

To Nominate Standing Committees—The Presiding Elders.

Tryers of Appeal—H. T. Curl, C. E. Hager, A. Jamieson, A. W. Adkinson, A. R. Boggs, D. W. Chamberlain, H. M. Springer.

To Preach Mission Sermons- L. Bradford, Alternate, J. G. Palmer.

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Appropriations for 1886-7.

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Aberdeen\$		Groton	100
Andover	100	Ipswich and Roscoe	175
Athol	100	Ludden	100
Baugor and Bowdel	300	Milbank	100
Big Stone and Albans	200	Northville and Mellette	100
Bath and Ordway	100	Twinbrooks	
Beotia	50	Wilmot	100
Dritton	150	Wilmot	150
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Ellendale	50	Warner.	150
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REPORTS.

No. 1. Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee would report, with reference to the Dakota University, located at Mitchell, Davison County, Dakota:

We find the financial condition of the University to be as follows:

The property including real estate is valued at \$100,000, on which there is incumbrances consisting of liens and other claims, including Hon. A. M. Bowdle's claim for 320 acres of land, aggregating \$29,500. To offset this indebtedness there are assets consisting of notes based upon real estate contracts and subscribtions to be converted into notes, payable in four annual installments, amounting to \$27,500; leaving a balance of indebtedness amounting in all to \$2,000, which is pledged by Dr. Brush on behalf of the citizens of Mitchell and vicinity.

2. The present board of incorporators have so amended their by-laws, that a majority of the members shall reside within the bounds of the Dakota Annual Conference; and two-thirds of all shall be ministers or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, said members to be elected by the Dakota Conference, on nomination of the Board of Directors, thus giving to the Dakota Conference substantial possession and control of the Dakota University. The following persons, viz: Ira N. Pardee, W. Whitfield, Wm. Brush, L. Hartsough, M. Mc-Kendree Tooke, E. S. Ormsby, O. S. Basford, H. Barber, Jr. and A. W. Hager being already members, we recommend the election of the following persons, viz: Thomas Bowman, A. J. Edgerton, R. N. Kratz, E. B. Bracy, Wm. Fielder, A. W. Adkinson, H. M. Springer, H. T. Curl, O. H. Sproul, C. B. Clark, A. D. Traveller and L. Bradford as members to fill out the membership, the above mentioned persons having been nominated by the Board of Directors.

Your committee further find that the title to the property is vested in Hon. A. M. Bowdle, who agrees to transfer said title by warranty deed to the Board of Directors, immediately upon the satisfaction of his claims and other liens

upon the property.

4. In view of the foregoing facts and statements, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we accept the Dakota University.
 Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavors to promote

its prosperity.

3. The treasurer of the Conference Board of Education shall deposit the funds now in his hands, with the treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Dakota University to be used in defraying current expenses.

4. That as a Conference we will make special efforts during the year before us to increase the educational collections; and that all such collections shall be

appropriated to Dakota University to defray current expenses.

5. It was further recommended that the money now on deposit with the Conference treasurer be deposited by him with the Treasurer of the Conference educational board.

OFFICERS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

were nominated as follows:

Wm. Fielder, President; A. F. Thompson, Secretary; A. R. Boggs, Treasurer; C. B. Clark, W. H. Jordon, W. F. Minty and W. H. H. Phillips, members.

GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

We recognize in the continued prosperity of Garrett Biblical Institute; its increased facilities for work, and the indications of a still grander future. We

pledge our earnest endeavors to procure students for the institution, and recommend as visitors for the current year the following persons: Revs. L. Hartsough and A. D. Traveller.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

We recognize in the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, a necessary and potent agency in the advancement of the cause of higher education throughout the Church. We especially commend the Children's Day fund to the consideration of our people as a fund to aid young persons contemplating foreign mission work, and secondly, to aid persons preparing for the ministry. Preference in both cases being given to those who have been meritorious Sunday School scholars.

REPORT 2.—Resolutions.

Resolved, That with gratitude to Almighty God for mercies received, and for the success he has enabled us to achieve, we enter with strengthened faith, and with enlarged expectations upon the labors of another Conference year.

2. That we have enjoyed exceedingly the presence and wise counsel of our venerable and beloved Bishop Thomas Bowman, and we devoutly pray that his life and strength may be prolonged many years, and we shall always

welcome him to the presidency of Dakota Conference.

2. That we welcome to our midst, the representatives of two of the great connectional interests of our church, viz: Rev. B. H. Ridgaway, D. D., and Rev. Arthur Edwards, D. D., and Rev. Dr. Stowe. We hereby pledge our patronage to Garrett Biblical Institute, and shall labor to largely increase the subscriptions to the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

4. To Pastor E. W. Adams and the citizens of Watertown, who have so royally entertained us, and the railroads extending to us special favors, we return

our most earnest gratitude.

5. That we regret the decision of our Brother, Rev. Wm. McCrady, to enter the local ranks, and we hope he will soon decide to re-enter the traveling con-

nection.

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While we rejoice that our missionary collections have been greatly increased, we note the fact from the reports given, that other and important benevolences are in a measure overlooked, and their claims not fully presented or met; therefore

Resolved, That we will not unduly press any one collection at the expense of any of the others, but will endeavor to give proper attention to all the benev-

olences of our Church.

Resolved, That we earnestly favor the immediate political enfranchisement of women in this territory, and urge upon the legislature of this winter, the passage

of legal measures to this end.

Resolved, That it is with sad hearts that we learn of the feeble health of our dear Brother, Rev. Wm. Vivian, necessitating his departure for California. We remember his earnest and efficient labors among us, and pray the great head of the Church that his health may be fully restored, and should he desire will welcome him again to our midst. C. B. CLARK.

REPORT "A."—Church Literature.

Whereas, The literature provided by the M. E. Church has always been a great and efficient agency in the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in diffusing the light of Bible Holiness among the people; therefore

Resolved, 1, That we pledge, as a Conference, to try by all possible means to increase the circulation of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, our own

grand organ, by placing a copy thereof in every family within our bounds.

Resolved, 2, That we fully endorse its heroic editor, Rev. Dr. Edwards, for standing so grandly by the great question of the day—PROHIBITION—as well as other subjects of vital importance.

Resolved, 3, That we pledge ourselves to supply our Sabbath Schools with our

own Church Literature.

Resolved, 4, That we will do our best to increase among our people the circution of good books.

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REPORT "B."-BIBLE CAUSE.

Whereas. The Bible is a revelation of God to Man and contains the plan of human redemption and salvation, and is a lamp to his feet and a light to his path, therefore

Resolved, That it is a part of our work to circulate the Scriptures among those who are without them, and to encourage the reading and study of the same by P. L. Hooker, Chairman. the people.

REPORT "C."-Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Whereas, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is a mighty power for the evangelizing of the world. And, Whereas, without the hearty support of the pastors of the Church it cannot accomplish the great work which God has assigned it; therefore

Resolved, That we will give it our support, by assisting in the organization of auxiliary societies wherever practicable, and taking public collections where no societies exist.

E. Crayen, M. E. Nickerson, T. Simmons, Com.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We have in the Conference, auxiliaries 17, the year's increase 9; members 255, the year's increase 92; life and honorary members 5, the year's increase 1, that of our beloved Bishop Bowman, whose words of encouragement will long be remembered. We have more than doubled the number of our auxiliaries during the year.

While we have not done as much as we ought, we are grateful indeed for the

advance in numbers, in offerings and in Missionary spirit as well.

It is true, "there is plenty of work to do at home;" but there are many whose hearts are too large to be confined solely to home work, and they recognize the fact that "the field is the world." "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters," saith the word of God.

Though this youngest Conference leads all other Conferences in her gifts to Missions proportionately with her numbers, yet this does not suffice. We should give more, pray more and read more. Auxiliaries have been organized during the year at Canton, Dell Rapids, Montrose, Bonilla, Beresford, Vermillion,

Parker and Wessington Springs. One has also been organized at Huron. Some Auxiliaries have done but moderately well, others very well, and others still remarkably well. We trust the new year shall be as the past, and much more abundant. There is promise for this. Pastors from the northern part of the Conference, where we have but few organizations, have said, "Let us alone this year also," till we have paid some of our debts, "after that" we will be ready to organize.

Mrs. I. M. Hartsough, Conf. See'y.

REPORT "D."—PROHIBITION.

We see in the temperance work a very great possibility of doing good, for we know that intemperance is a deadly foe to Christian and civil liberty, carrying destruction and death everywhere; therefore

Resolved, 1, We will work with untiring zeal in every possible way to make

Prohibition a living fact throughout the world.

2. While we are proud of our citizenship in this great commonwealth, we blush to know that the crime of drunkard making is legalized in most of our states and territories, and against the crime we enter our most solemn protest.

3. Now and here we re-obligate ourselves to preach, sing, lecture, talk, pray,

vote and pay our money to help on this cause so dear to Christ and humanity.

4. We recognize the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to be a very active and efficient force of noble and intelligent women, whom we bid God speed, and also pray the blessings of Heaven on all temperance organizations, remembering especially the last one organized, "The Men's Christian Prohibition Union.'

Resolved, That we believe in Constitutional and Practical Prohibition, and will endeavor as best we may to secure this result.

That the cowardly slaughter of Bro. G. C. Haddock is a fearful, but entirely logical result of the unpitying cruelty of the liquor traffic, which is so intrenched in its bloody war on society, that no valuable life is too precions for its revenge, and though Haddock fell, the cause to which he gave his life is marching to certain victory.

7. While the Northwestern Christian Advocate aids all Christian work, we rejoice that it is so alive to the great practical reform now claiming the noblest efforts and warmest prayers of the Church. The Northwestern being so earnestly alert and fearless in its war on the Liquor Traffic, we therefore recommend it to our people, not only as a Church paper, but as one of the very best special temperance and prohibition papers in the country.
H. T. Curl. Chairman. C. E. Hager, Secretary.

REPORT "E."-Sabbath Observance.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

Whereas, We believe the Sabbath to be of Divine origin and perpetual obligation and its desceration a sin which may justly exclude from the Kingdom of Grace and glory, and

Whereas, We note with pain a growing tendency to introduce the laxity of the European Sabbath and to convert it into a day of pleasure instead of a day of rest and worship; therefore

Resolved. That we regard the sacredness of the Lord's day as one of the most stringent commands of God. That we regard the patronizing of Sabbath trains, excursion, pleasure riding and sports, especially those of a more secular character, such as ball playing, fishing, hunting, etc. That the ministers of this Conference be advised to use every persuasive argument to induce our people to abstain, not only from the above, but also from secular reading, conversation, bookkeeping, and correspondence by letter, on this most holy day, believing these to be most detrimental to Christian progress in spiritual life.

Further, We desire to call attention to a tract written by Rev. Z. R. Ward, of Parker, which, if bought and distributed, will greatly quicken the public conscience upon this question. L. B. Wiles, E. A. Burrows, Wm. Pagennart, Com.

REPORT "F." -SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Whereas, The Sabbath School is recognized as a powerful auxiliary of the Church, and

Whereas, We are in a formative condition, and believe the plans and equipments of our Church are inferior to no other; therefore

Resolved, That we faithfully and zealously carry out the disciplinary plan of organizing Methodist Episcopal Sabbath Schools wherever practicable; using our own literature, and thus educating, training, and indoctrinating the youth of our land in the doctrines of Christ set forth in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

D. W. CHAMBERLAIN, J. TREWARTHA, Com. S. M. French, G. D. Cleworth.

REPORT "G." -TRACT CAUSE.

In some sections the seeds of errors are being sown through the instrumen-If tracts may become a "savor of death," they may be made a They have often been fruitful of much good, and the wise pastor tality of tracts. "savor of life." will not neglect to utilize them.

Your committee beg to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1, That we recognize in the faithful and judicious distribution of tracts, a reliable auxiliary to pulpit and pastorial work.

Resolved, 2. That we will take advantage of the offers of our Tract Society to furnish us free tracts to the value of one-half the amount of our collections for the Tract Society.

Resolved, 3. That we will use due care in the selections of the tracts used on our work.

Resolved, 4. That we will see that the tract committees appointed on our charges are carefully instructed in the work required of them, and encouraged C. H. SMITH, MORAY CLYDE, A. P. JONES, Com. to perform it faithfully.

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REPORT "H."-FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, There are millions of colored and white people in the South in ignorance, superstition and vice, resulting from generations of slavery, and we believe that the M. E. Church is largely responsible for the spiritual and intellectual culture of the freedmen, since it has done so much for their emancipation. Much good has been accomplished by the Freedman's Aid Society in the past few years toward their enlightenment. This society is supporting 21 institutions, employing 105 teachers who are instructing 4233 students as Christian ministers, teachers and physicians of both races, but a great work yet remains to be done. We heartily concur in the following words of Bishop Walden: "The Christian Church of America has no more important work in hand than to prepare Christian leaders for our millions of colored people. The Methodist Episcopal Church, through its Freedmen's Aid Society, is doing a great work in this field; and this society, in the economy of its administration, as well as in the results accomplished, has a record second to none in the Church." There-

Resolved, That as a Conference, we will keep this cause very near our hearts, remembering it in our prayers, pledging ourselves to present it to our several congregations for their careful consideration and support; and while we are pressing hard to reach the million dollar line for missions that Africa, India and China may receive the glad tidings of the Gospel, we will not forget our near neighbors in the South, who are crying, "come down and help us."

Signed, (T. Donaghue, D. Rifenbark, O. E. Murray, Thos. Hambley.

REPORT "I."—CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, The Board of Church Extension has given to us such vital and timely assistance as has enabled us to build many churches which could not have been built without it, and thus we have already by its benevolence so many altars erected for the worship of our Heavenly Father, therefore

Resolved, That we will bear this cause of Church Extension on our hearts and remember it in our prayers, and do all in our power to maintain and deepen in the minds of our people their interest in this truly noble work; and we will so prayerfully and thoroughly represent this cause to our congregations as to raise more than the amounts apportioned to our several charges.

J. P. Jenkins, Secretary.

REPORT "K."-Marriage Laws.

We, your committee on Marriage Laws, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following petition to be signed by the president and secretary of this Conference in behalf of the Conference and by the secretary forwarded to a proper person who will present it at the next session of the Dakota Legislature.

To the Honorable, the 17th Legislature of Dakota Territory: We the members of the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and citizens of the United States and of Dakota Territory, in Conference assembled at Watertown, Dakota, Oct. 18th, 1886, pray your Honorable body to enact a law governing marriage, to take the place of all other laws of the Territory governing marriage, embracing the following points:

That males under twenty-one (21) years of age, and females under eighteen (18) years of age shall not be capable of contracting marriage without the consent of their parents or gnardians.

That license be required before the solemnization of marriage.

That there be a definite registration with the Register of Deeds of the county in which the marriage is contracted.

That the rite shall be solemnized by Ministers, Justices or other officers designated by law and in the presence of witnesses.

That the criminal law be amended, making the age of consent eighteen (18) years in place of ten (10) years.

H. M. SPRINGER, T. SIMMONS, C. E. HAGER, T. H. WALKER.

REPORT "L."—CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Your committee for investing the Conference Claimants collection, and erecting a permanent fund, the interest to be used in supporting the Claimants on this Conference, beg leave to report and recommend the following action:

1. That the Conference Treasurer invest the collection of this year.

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2. That the committee be allowed the coming year to devise a plan for the creation of a fund for the support of superanuates of this Conference, and the widows and orphans of deceased members of this Conference.

A. D. TRAVELLER, H. M. SPRINGER, T. H. WALKER, Com.

REMEMBER.

All Statistical Reports MUST be handed in at the first session of the Conference. See "Discipline," paragraph 87, section 2.

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Note also, paragraph 87, sections 3 and 7; they are so important



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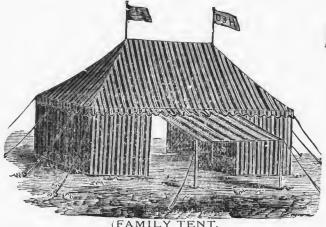
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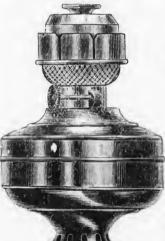
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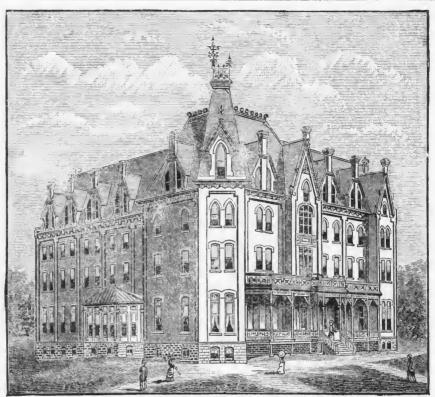
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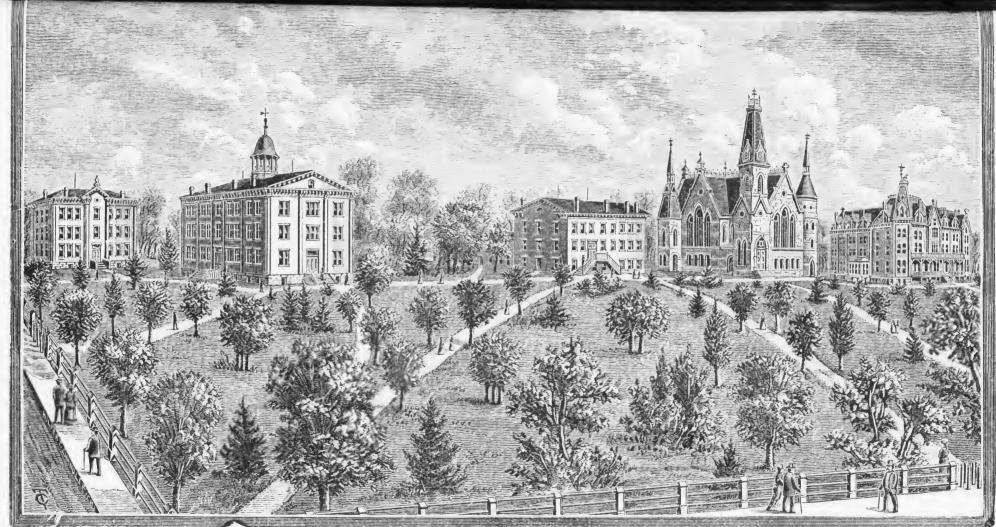
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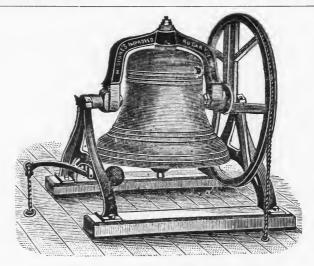
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